

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7:00 A.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Grant Weyland, Roger Richman, Joe Pederson, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Chuck Hendrickson, Russ Colson, Jim Haney, DiAnn Streifel

Members Absent: Kevin Campbell

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Colleen Eck, Larry Henry, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Larry Henry, Beth Harries, Stephanie Reynolds, Kathy Ihle, Steve Moore, Brian Berg, Todd Bratlien, Jim Olson

On motion by Russ McDougall, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Joe Pederson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from March 26, 2015.

Beth Harris-Update

Beth Harries reported that she has been working to find a company that will take mattresses that will be tossed out during clean-up week. When the local colleges end for the summer, many dorm mattresses get tossed out and end up in the landfill. Harries also mentioned that she is working to set up a schedule for the recyclable phone book container pickups in the smaller communities, as the phone books have not been picked up, and the situation is out of control. There are no regulations regarding telephone book pickups. Harries added that she spoke with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) about trying to implement enforcement to hold telephone book companies responsible for not picking the phone books up.

Earth Day Events-Shannon Thompson

Shannon Thompson reported that it has been a busy week with the Earth Day programs, and all the activities were well attended. Minnesota State University-Moorhead (MSUM) had an event with booths, bikes, and there was great entertainment. The Moorhead Public Library had story time for the younger children. There were many entries for The 17th Annual Waste Transformation Art Exhibition at the Moorhead Public Library. The entries were judged and awarded for each age category from youth 12 and under, youth 13 through high school, and adult categories.

Thompson mentioned that Cleanup Week is coming up. Barnesville's Special Electronics and Fluorescent Bulb Collection will be April 25th from 8-noon at 205 Front Street. Moorhead's Electronic Collection will be on May 2, from 8-noon at the Department of Motor Vehicles shed at 1300 15th Avenue North. The collection site in Hawley will be at the Recycling Center on May 16th from 8-noon at 716 Front Street.

Thompson brought attention to a nearly \$12,000 delinquent landfill account that she was seeking advice for from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members. Thompson reported that since she started doing the landfill billing in June 2013, Great Plains Environmental has never paid their bill, which is for contaminated soil that they brought to the landfill. Thompson said she wants to know what steps need to be taken, if any, to remedy the situation. The SWAC committee members advised Shannon to turn the delinquent account over to collections.

Household Hazardous Waste Update-Julie Kennedy

Julie Kennedy introduced her new roster technician, Jim Olson, who will be helping out at the Household Hazardous Waste Building (HHW). Kennedy said people are bringing in their mixed oil and gas, and the exchange is going real well. There are two special collections coming up with the first one on April 25th, 8-noon in Barnesville, and the second collection will be in Hawley on May 16th from 8-noon. Kennedy reported that the HHW building will be open the first Saturday of every month beginning in April, with special hours 8-4 on May 4 to May 8. Kennedy reported that there still has been no movement with Paint Care, and they are no longer attending meetings. Sherwin Williams is taking paint, but the cans have to be labeled, and cannot be leaking or rusted.

Landfill Update-Larry Henry

Larry Henry reported that things are going well out at the landfill, except for the 30-MPH wind and the dry weather. The landfill has been closed twice because of the winds, and when the winds get too high they will call into the Solid Waste office and notify the radio stations so the public is aware that the landfill will be closing because of the winds. The flare has been running constantly, the wind has not affected that. Henry said Sentence to Serve, and the Chain Gang come out occasionally to help with litter cleanup at the landfill. The part-time rosters will be starting next Saturday to help clean up on weekends. Henry reported that one leachate pump went down, was sent to the cities for repair, and will be installed today. The bulk of the scale changeover will take place after the first of the year. The landfill is still planning on doing some maintenance repairs to the recycling bins, as they are starting to fall apart and looking dilapidated.

Burns & McDonnell Summary-Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger spoke briefly on the *Burns and McDonalds Limited Site Screening Investigation for the Presence of Municipal Waste* handouts that were mailed to the SWAC members. The report is a joint process between the City of Moorhead and Clay County, which concerns the proposed site of the new Moorhead Transfer Station, Material Recovery Facility (MRF), and HHW building. There were eight soil borings and each of the soil borings encountered a lot of common fill with depths ranging between 5 feet to 21 feet, and most likely wouldn't support the loads. Rosenberger said Clay County and the City of Moorhead would like to move the new proposed site to the east of the current proposed site.

Rosenberger mentioned that Clay County submitted the paperwork to get the landfill re-permitted on April 21, 2014. A three-page letter was sent to the office requesting additional information, which the staff responded to. The Designation Plan is still in the process of being completed by Stoel Rives, LLP. They expect to submit the paperwork to the PCA within the next three weeks.

Rosenberger reported that the landfill has a neighbor who is concerned about well monitoring, gas migration, and litter at the landfill. The County has offered to test the well on the neighbor's property on a quarterly basis, and to install a gas detection alarm in the home, but both offers have been refused. The neighbor wants to "police" his own property and charge the County \$500 monthly. Rosenberger mentioned Clay County has offered the landfill neighbor \$100 monthly, but that offer has been refused also. Rosenberger added that Clay County is doing the best it can to be good neighbors, and we will work with him, but if he doesn't want to work with us, there is nothing we can do. The services are still available.

Rosenberger spoke briefly about Perham and the containers, and he said that the solution may be to get new containers that will work with the Moorhead facility. The amount of material that is going to Perham is way down from what is supposed to be brought there, but things are expected to change in the months ahead. Rosenberger said the steam production in Perham is going to mediation and hopefully there will be some satisfaction.

Full Circle Organics will hopefully find a site that will be agreed upon, perhaps near the landfill.

On motion by Russ McDougall, and seconded by Roger Richman, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.